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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 November 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-9 and 11-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-9 and 11-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-2, 4-9 and 11-14 are pending and have been examined.

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The Information Disclosure Statement filed on 10 January 2007 has been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 1-2, 4-9 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by **Gronemeyer** et al. (USPN 6,363,359).

Claim 1

Gronemeyer disclosed a software updating system, comprising:

a plurality of update data supplying apparatuses for supplying update confirmation information regarding the presence or absence of updates for predetermined software via a network (*figure 4, elements 342 and 344; column 7, lines 56-58, "server"*);

an electronic device for executing a process in accordance with said update confirmation information supplied from said update data supplying apparatus (*figure 4, element 302; column 7, lines 52-54, "client computing device"*), wherein

said electronic device includes:

storing means for storing an update confirmation cycle for said installed software,

judging means judging whether or not, among said installed software, there exists software for which the presence of updates needs to be confirmed based on said update confirmation cycle (*column 7, lines 26-27, "log"; column 7, lines 56-58, results sent*)

detection means for detecting said update data supplying apparatus to which an inquiry is to be made on the presence of updates for said software for which said judging means has judged a confirmation to be necessary (*figure 3, element 206; column 7, lines 31-32*);

inquiring means for making an inquiry on the presence of updates for said software to said update data supplying apparatus detected by said detection means (*figure 3, element 208; column 7, lines 56-58*); and

execution means for executing a process based on said update confirmation information supplied from said update data supplying apparatus in response to said inquiry made by said inquiring means (*figure 3, element 210*), and

said update data supplying apparatus includes:

confirmation means for confirming the presence or absence of updates for said software regarding which there was an inquiry on the presence of updates by said inquiring means of said electronic device (*column 7, lines 56-58, to send update options those options are first determined, not "available"*); and

supplying means for supplying to said electronic device said update confirmation information in accordance with a confirmation result by said confirmation means (*column 7, lines 56-58*).

Claim 2

Gronemeyer disclosed the software updating system according to claim 1, wherein said update confirmation information is one of update data for updating said software and information indicating the presence or absence of updates (*column 7, lines 56-28*).

Claim 4

Gronemeyer disclosed the software updating system according to claim 1, wherein said judging means of said electronic device judges all of said installed software to be software for which the presence of updates needs to be confirmed when a predetermined event occurs (*column 6, lines 61-63, "POST"*).

Claim 5

Gronemeyer disclosed the software updating system according to claim 4, wherein said event is one of the turning on of the power of said electronic device and the arrival of a predetermined time (*column 6, lines 61-63, "POST" and at the sentinel load time*).

Claim 6

Gronemeyer disclosed the software updating system according to claim 1, wherein after said update data supplying apparatus is detected by said detection means, said inquiring means of said electronic device waits until a predetermined time and makes an inquiry on the presence of updates for said software (*figure 3, elements 202 and 208; waits until after configuration inspection*).

Claims 7-9 and 11-14

The limitations of claims 7-9 and 11-14 are substantially the same as for claims 1-6 and are rejected in the same manner.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 22 November 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues **Gronemeyer** does

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not disclose “means for storing an update confirmation cycle for said installed software; means for judging whether or not, among said installed software, there exists software for which the presence of updates needs to be confirmed based on said update confirmation cycle” (Remarks: page 13, third full paragraph). As previously indicated in the rejection of claim 3, a sentinel judges or determines the software on a client and sends the results to a server (**Gronemeyer**: column 7, lines 26-27 and lines 56-58). The update confirmation cycle is the information stored in log during this particular cycle of information harvesting (by the sentinel) of **Gronemeyer**. The judging is the preparation and determination of the software to be recorded in the log. Based upon the above reasoning, Applicant’s argument “the sending of the log occurs after the log is created”, is not clear. Under the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claim language, the rejections are maintained as above indicated.

The double patenting rejection and the objection to the Declaration are withdrawn.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply

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is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

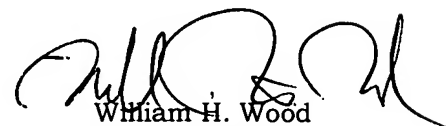
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